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**AMENDMENT A**

The Official letter mailed July 17, 2002 has been received, and in response thereto the following Amendment A is respectfully submitted.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following Abstract at the end of the application:

**Abstract**

A method of using an MMP inhibitor and optionally radiation therapy, and one or more antineoplastic agents of the topoisomerase class selected from the group consisting of irinotecan and topotecan, as a combination therapy for the treatment of neoplasia is disclosed.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 4-10, 12-20, 22-27, 29-42, 47-53, 55-70, 72-85, and 88-106

without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to the filing of one or more divisional

applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.